

Health and Safety Sub-Committee Minutes for July 19, 2002

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISIONS
Welcome and Introductions	Review Minutes Review Agenda	Minutes were accepted as written
Division of Child Care and Early Learning (DCCEL) Update	<p>Sue Biles updated the sub-committee on the changes at DCCEL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 positions will be affected by the RIF – 6 at headquarters and 6 in the field. The 6 at headquarters have been determined. The 6 in the field are still being decided. • The field is being reorganized into three regions. Each region will have a field manager. Each office will have a supervisor. The field managers will report directly to Rachael Langen. • Headquarters is also being reorganized. There will be three sections: policy (with 2 licensing managers and 2 subsidy managers), program initiatives and field operations will become quality assurance (with a training position, 2 licensing managers and 2 subsidy managers). Laura Dallison will oversee the quality assurance unit. • The proposed strategic plan was shared with the group. The sub-committee saw a gap in the services needed and the services provided. It was determined that the gap might be filled by Healthy Child Care Washington and the local health jurisdiction nurse consultants and child care programs. • The center WACs are now combined (health and licensing) and are on the projected target for completion. 	No action required.
Communication and Resource Sharing	Members of the sub-committee thanked Sue for her e-mails and resource sharing. The nurse consultants across the state need the information also.	Sue will add the local health jurisdiction nurse consultants to the e-mail list.

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Department of Health (DOH) Update	<p>Debbie Lee provided the DOH update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of closing out the special needs project will be finalized in July. • Many vacant DOH maternal-child health positions are not being filled. • 2 FTE's positions are part of the RIF process and will be gone by spring. • A lot of collaboration is occurring between DOH and DCCEL. Debbie commented that Sue is doing a great job and they are glad to have her at DCCEL. • The Department of Education RFP partnership with WAEYC for before and after school care did not happen. The turn around time of July 15 for the application was too short for the DOH process. A group in Spokane did apply. 	
Joint Meeting with the Inclusive Sub-Committee	<p>The agenda was reviewed and revised. Kudos to Debbie Lee, Tory Henderson and Deanna Houck for developing the agenda. The purpose of the meeting is to look at how both committees can collaborate with overlapping areas to move forward the children with special needs action plan developed by the ad hoc committee.</p>	<p>The joint meeting is at the Kent office, Friday, September 13 from 9:30 to 2:30.</p>
Insurance	<p>Debbie Lee reported on the information learned during a meeting with two insurance agents who attended the May Inclusive Subcommittee meeting. Several providers stating that they cannot get insurance if they take children with special needs – especially medical needs that require special treatments or procedures, spurred this conversation. Debbie passed out two brochures for everyone to review. Family home providers need to know that their homeowners insurance does not cover a business. There are two types of business insurance: professional liability insurance and business insurance. They cover different items and might both be needed depending on the needs of the provider. Both reps stated that providers who want insurance for children with special needs could find insurance. Insurance has become more affordable. The more people join, the lower the rates become. Rates have also historically dropped in areas when insurance was made mandatory. 19 states currently require insurance. There was a discussion around having the insurance companies review the proposed WAC to see if they would give WA providers a break. It was also discussed that perhaps certification and/or educational requirements might lower the rates. The reps state that rates are lower in WA because regulations are more stringent than in some other areas of the country. Providers need to review the policies carefully. Many have a rider for abuse/neglect.</p>	
Pediatrician Involvement in	<p>The Washington Chapter of the Academy of Pediatricians (WAAP) is becoming more interested and active in child care. They are working with Healthy Child Care Washington</p>	

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Child Care	(HCCW) to obtain a grant for seed money to develop a pediatrician consultant program.	
Diabetes in Child Care	There was a discussion about a possible CLIA lab waiver. No one on the committee was familiar with this requirement.	Sue and Debbie will work together to obtain more information on the requirements for blood glucose monitoring.
Caterpillars and Rashes	Snohomish county is seeing a repeat rash from this time last year. The rash, found on the trunk, neck, arms and stomach, looks like chicken pox, but is not. The children have no fever or cold symptoms. 10 children had the rash/4 saw a physician. Diagnoses included allergic reaction and contact dermatitis. One diagnosis was "allergic reaction to tent caterpillars." It is really unknown whether or not the rash is due to caterpillars, pesticides or neither. It could just be a viral rash. Seattle-King county is seeing the same think related to mites. Thurston county has seen a similar rash during the same time frame.	Snohomish county is now on the outlook next year for a repeat and in the process of determining a course o action.
Use of Pacifiers	A provider in Eastern Washington asked for information on pacifiers – specifically she had a 2 year old using a pacifier. The provider was seeking information on whether or not it could negatively affect the child. The discussion was varied. Many felt it is ok for children to use pacifiers until 4 years of age. Speech pathologists have some research that shows it can be detrimental. Heidi sent the provider some information.	
Food Allergies	Adrienne Dorf presented information she received from a group of concerned parents on anaphylaxis in the school and child care. The group is proposing legislation that PTAs oversee allergy management in schools and child care. Rules already exist for oversight. There is a concern that this legislation could open the door to every special interest/diagnosis group to form their own legislation. It is not appropriate for the PTAs to oversee school health programs or child care health policies and procedures. Schools already have a new law that takes effect July 1, 2002 to have a plan of care for life threatening issues. The sub-Committee recognizes that this type of legislation is in response to parents not having their needs met and being frustrated with the system. There is also a difference between allergies that are identified and those that are not.	Sue will communicate with the group on child care issues. Anyone else who is interested is also encouraged to communicate with this group.
Program	Snohomish County The Role of Environmental Health in Child Care Lisa Carpenter, Manager of the Snohomish County Partners in Child Care Program, provided a power point presentation that she presented to the annual state child care conference. Partners in Child Care has a budget of \$650,000, a staff of 10, and is currently not charging	

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Report to STARS Stakeholder Group	<p>fees for their services.</p> <p>Deanna reported for Jan on the report to the STARS Stakeholder group. The STARS Stakeholder group acknowledged that there is a problem on the lack of information and bad information being provided on health. The following were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Child Care Washington to provide a trainer and health consultant list to the STARS Stakeholder group • Recommend to trainers that they cultivate a relationship with the local consultant • Increase the criteria for trainers teaching health, safety and nutrition • Considering a separate module for nutrition (pull out from health and safety) • HCCW and the Health and Safety Sub-Committee to provide an updated insert for the Model Curricula 	Jan will send the list to the STARS Stakeholder group
Roundtable: Seattle-King County	Nancy Wessenberg is the lead nurse for the program. King County is losing the county subsidy program. Copies of their current newsletter were distributed.	
Head Start	Matthew reported. He has been busy on the federal final rule for transportation which has a huge financial and resource impact on head start and all organizations that receive federal dollars such as USDA, the tribes, migrant workers, etc. Head start will have fewer buses. A list serve is being developed that will provide updated information. They are having a multi region conference in October 2002 in Yakima. The conference is not open to the public because there are too many head start people that need to attend.	<p>Sue will get on the list serve and then distribute information to the committee.</p> <p>Matthew will present the transportation issues at the November meeting.</p>
Thurston County	Has just received federal dollars for bioterrorism unit – enough to hire a manager, nurse and environmental health specialists for probably ten years. They are doing parent and provider classes at the YMCA. Pat Libby, Health Director, is leaving the county to become the Director of Local and Regional Health Directors in Washington DC. Bob Poole recently taught a unique food handlers class for Cambodian women. The women not had limited English skills, but they are also illiterate in their own language. Very technical information had to be taught with language and culture barriers. The class became more visual, demonstration and picture. They are seeing more TB issues in the foreign providers.	
Puget Sound ESD	Delthia Wright-Thompson reported. Transportation is a big issue. Buses are being phased	

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ECEAP	out. They are working on funding for childhood obesity. The goal is to teach good food choices with a peer health group, media group and literacy group participation. ECAP has some booster seats to give away – looking for criteria or a methodology. Heidi recommended a community event like the one in Chelan County. Children’s has a booster seat program. To receive the ECAP seats, the receiver must be an ECAP family.	
Snohomish County	They are developing criteria for re-including children with Salmonella. Their criteria goes above everyone else requiring two negative stool samples in addition to being symptom free. No one else currently has “negative stool sample” criteria. They are very happy to have Micha back. Their program is fully staffed. They are partnering with head start for annual assessments and monthly on site consultations. They developed training materials and a provider packet on allergies and are starting protocols and procedures for oral health. Katy and Adrienne are working on updating the vitamin A and vitamin C list for Snohomish and King Counties.	Katy and Adrienne will provide Sue with a copy of the final list.
Child Care Resource and Referral	Linda Thomas reported. There will be a brain squad extravaganza October 3 at the Pacific Science Center.	
Chelan County	Heidi Collins reported. They spend the first half of the year developing and planning for a disaster preparedness class. Not enough providers enrolled so the class was cancelled. They did a lot of advertising including direct mailings. The class has been rescheduled for October 5 and other counties have been invited.	

PRESENT: Deanna Houck, Sue Biles, Matthew Porter, Michaela Horn, Lisa Carpenter, Debbie Lee, Michelle Barthule, Karen Froelich, Robert Poole, Delthia Wright-Thompson, Adrienne Dorf, Peter Dahl, Anne Curtis, Jeni Nybo, Jennifer Scheunrmann, Peggy King, Linda Thomas, Robin Kenepah, Yvette Edwards, Nancy Wessenberg, Heidi Collins, and Sanders Chai.